

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A light diffusion sheet having opposing exposed surfaces and comprising a light diffusion layer formed on a transparent substrate and containing a binder resin and resin particles that impart unevenness to one of said exposed surfaces, wherein the light diffusion sheet has a total light transmission of 70.0% or more, haze of 80.0% or more, and a distinctness of transmission image of 25.0% or more.

REMARKS

The rejection for obviousness is respectfully traversed for several reasons. Firstly, the references are not *prima facie* combinable in the manner adopted by the examiner. The examiner is combining teachings relating to a "front scattering film" (Etori et al) with features of a light diffusion sheet of a backlight unit (Toshima et al) which are used in different environments and which have different functions. As explained by Etori et al at column 1, lines 5-16, their "front scattering film" is intended for use in "reflection type liquid crystal display units" which Etori et al distinguish from "conventional transmission type liquid crystal display units utilizing backlight." In contradistinction, the films of Toshima et al find utility in light transmission units of conventional "transmission type liquid crystal display units." Given their different functions, the properties required of the films of Etori et al and Toshima et al cannot be assumed to be the same.